

Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

## GLOBAL ECONOMY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine navigating a turbulent global economy, focusing on implications for the United States, after receiving testimony from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 49, to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads; and

The nominations of Mae A. D'Agostino, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, and Timothy J. Feighery, of New York, to be Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, Department of Justice.

## MINORITY ACCESS TO CAPITAL AND CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine exploring mi-

nority access to capital and contracting opportunities, focusing on the importance of effective fraud prevention controls, after receiving testimony from Marie C. Johns, Deputy Administrator, and Peggy E. Gustafson, Inspector General, both of the U.S. Small Business Administration; Gregory D. Kutz, Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office; Robert W. Fairlie, University of California, Santa Cruz; Marc H. Morial, National Urban League, New York, New York; Susan Au Allen, US Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation (USPAACC), and B. Doyle Mitchell, National Bankers Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and Martha Montoya, Los Kitos Produce, Santa Ana, California, on behalf of the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 46 public bills, H.R. 891–936; and 12 resolutions, H.J. Res. 45–46 ; H. Con. Res. 24–26; and H. Res. 140–146 were introduced. **Pages H1573–75**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Poe (TX) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1527**

**Small Business Paperwork Mandate Elimination Act of 2011:** The House passed H.R. 4, to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements for payments of \$600 or more to corporations, by a recorded vote of 314 ayes to 112 noes, Roll No. 162. **Pages H1529–53**

Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the McNerney motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an

amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 161. **Pages H1549–53**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in H.R. 705 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H1529**

H. Res. 129, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, March 2nd.

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. tomorrow; when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday, March 8th, when it shall convene at 2 p.m. for morning hour and 4 p.m. for legislative business; and when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 9th. **Page H1556**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1571.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings

of today and appear on pages H1551, H1553. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

## ***Committee Meetings***

### **COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations held a hearing on NASA FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Charles F. Bolden, Administrator, NASA.

### **INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations held an oversight hearing on FY 2012 Budget Oversight. Testimony was heard from Lisa Jackson, Administrator, EPA; and Barbara Bennett, Chief Financial Officer, EPA.

### **STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Agencies Appropriations held a hearing on oversight of the State Department and foreign operations programs. Testimony was heard from Jacqueline Williams-Bridgers, GAO.

### **FY 2012 BUDGET—CENTRAL COMMAND AND SPECIAL FORCES COMMAND**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on the FY 2012 on national defense authorization budget requests from the U.S. Central Command and the U.S. Special Operations Command. Testimony was heard from Gen. James N. Mattis, USMC, Commander, Central Command, USMC; and ADM Eric Olsen, USN, Commander, Special Operations Command, USN.

### **U.S. FORCES READINESS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on Are We Ready? An Independent Look at the Required Readiness Posture of U.S. Forces. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on Examining Recent Regulatory and Enforcement Actions of the Mine Safety and Health Administration. Testimony was heard from Joseph A. Main, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health.

### **JOB CREATION AND ECONOMIC GROWTH**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Made in America: Innovations in Job Creation and Economic Growth”. Testimony was heard from John Fernandez, Assistant Secretary, Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce and public witnesses.

### **FY 2012 BUDGET—HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “FY 2012 HHS Budget and the Implementation of Public Laws 111–148 and 111–152”. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a markup to consider the following measures: H.R. 830, the FHA Refinance Program Termination Act; and H.R. 836, the Emergency Mortgage Relief Program Termination Act. Both bills were reported as amended.

### **UNITED NATIONS REFORM**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Held hearing on Reforming the United Nations: Lessons Learned. Testimony was heard from Mark D. Wallace, former Representative to the United Nations for Management and Reform.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held a markup on H.R. 3 the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortions Act. The bill was ordered reported in the form of a single amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### **FY 2012 BUDGET—HOMELAND SECURITY**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Held a hearing entitled “The President’s FY 2012 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security”. Testimony was heard from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security.

### **FY 2012 BUDGET—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Held an oversight hearing on Department of the Interior Spending and the President’s Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Proposal. Testimony was heard from Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Interior.

### **GOVERNMENT SPENDING BINGE**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Held a hearing on the Refuse of the Federal Spending Binge: How U.S. Taxpayers Are Paying Double for